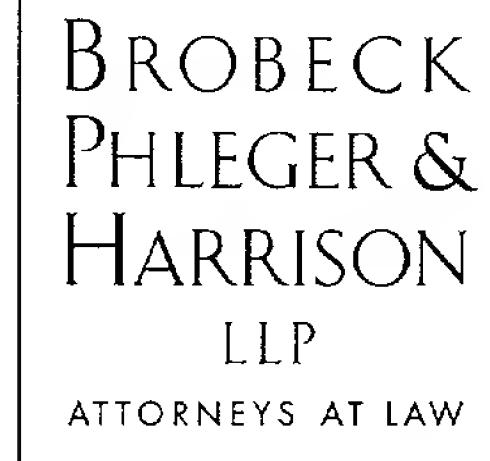




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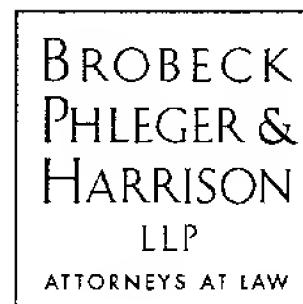
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application.

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6. **Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)**

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8. **Assignment and Assignment Recordation Form**

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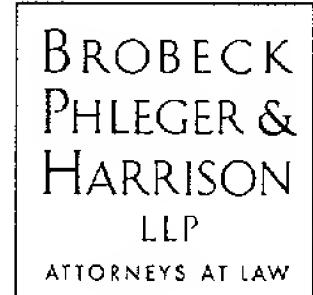
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Statement Enclosed

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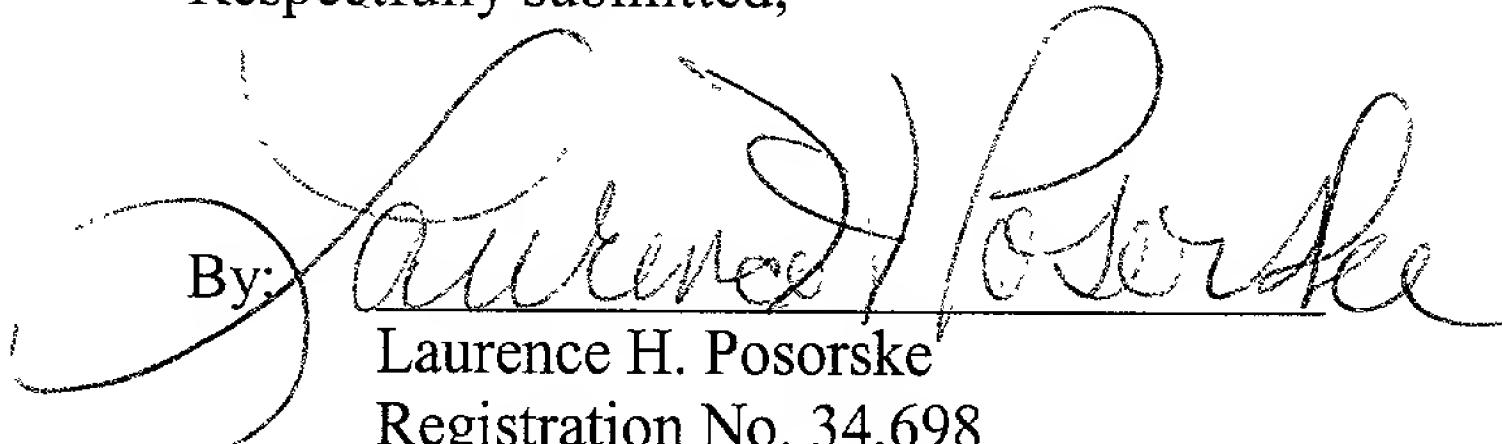
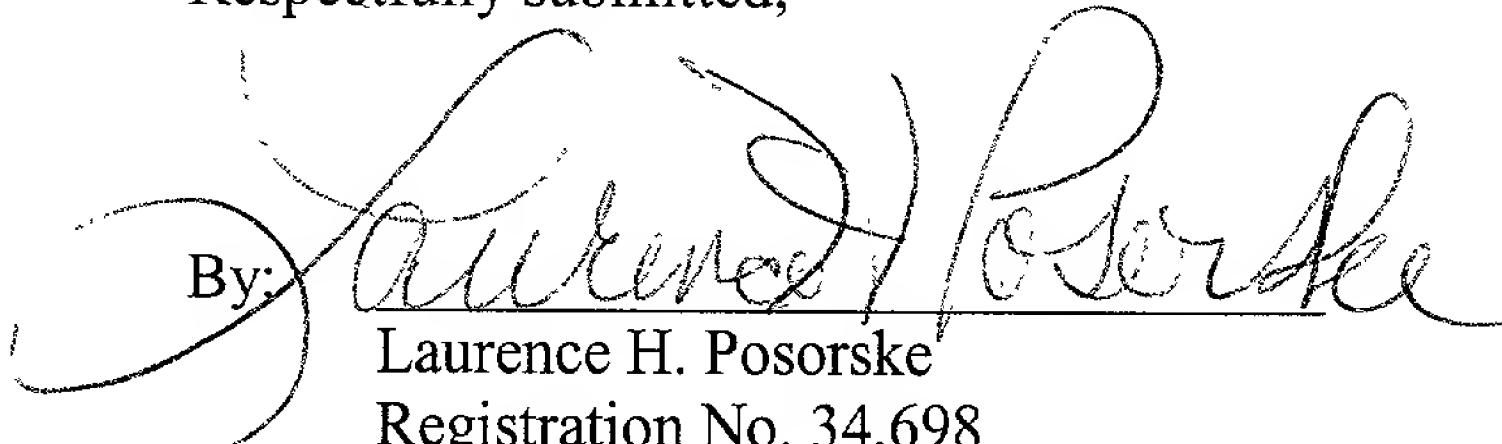
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